(a) the number of public and private sector companies that are in the sick list;

(b) the percentage of public and private sector units in the sick list out of the total units; and

(c) the amount of cash advanced by banks and financial institutions to sick public and private sector units to nurse such units back to health?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Fuel efficiency Certificates to Vehicles

4815. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for issuing fuel efficiency certificates to motor vehicles;

(b) the automobiles/engines that have been issued the fuel efficiency certificates;

(c) whether any of the vehicles/engines have been refused such certificates;

(d) if so, the names thereof during the last 3 years; and

(e) the reasons for the refusal of these certificates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (e). Fuel Efficiency norms have been prescribed for various automotive vehicles depending upon their engine capacity. These norms are being viewed and upgraded from time to time. A Fuel Efficiency Committee considers the test reports furnished by the designated testing agency based on the tests conducted by it on two vehicles of the same model selected at random by the testing agency from the production plant and certificates so issued on the basis of the Committee's recommendations are valid for one year. The certificates are model specific and cover a wide range of vehicles. The issue of a fuel efficiency certificate has been linked to the grant of certain fiscal concessions. As per the Customs Notification issued by the Ministry of Finance in this behalf, vehicles which met the prescribed norms and were being manufactured under approved programme were to be issued fuel efficiency certificates. No vehicle which fulfilled the above conditions has been denied the fuel efficiency certificates.

Investment in Industrial Venture in Maharashtra

4816. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals pending before the Union Government for investment in new industrial ventures in Maharashtra State;

(b) the percentage of central investment for industrial ventures in this State during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(c) whether there is any proposal for new ventures for downstream industries in Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) As on 30th June, 1991, 573 applications were pending for grant of Letters of Intent to set up industrial units in Maharashtra.

(b) Statewise percentage of investment by Central Public Sector Undertakings is